

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus comprising:
a calculation unit including at least one computer for
5 processing semiconductor design information;
a control unit for controlling radiation of an electron in
accordance with a processing result of the semiconductor design
information;
a writing unit for radiating an electron in accordance with
10 instructions of the control unit; and
at least one storage device,
wherein a communication is permissible between the storage
device, the calculation unit, the control unit, and the writing
unit, and wherein the semiconductor manufacturing apparatus
15 further includes a communication pass through which the storage
device can be controlled.
2. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the calculation unit includes at least one computer
20 for dividing the semiconductor design information into a plurality
of areas, at least one computer for processing information with
respect to the divided areas, and at least one computer for
processing a result after processing the information.
- 25 3. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to
claim 2, wherein the computer for dividing the semiconductor design

information into a plurality of areas sends a command about
information of the divided areas to at least one computer, and
wherein the computer which receives the command refers to the
semiconductor design information and processes the information
5 of the divided areas.

4. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to
claim 2, wherein the computer for dividing the semiconductor design
information into a plurality of areas generates plurality pieces
10 of divided design information and sends a command about the divided
design information to the computer for processing the information
with respect to the divided areas, and wherein the computer which
receives the command refers to the divided design information and
processes information with respect to the divided design
15 information.

5. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to
claim 2, wherein the semiconductor design information is divided
according to an operating range of a stage for placing and moving
20 a wafer and a deflection area which permits electron beam radiation,
and wherein at least one computer for processing information with
respect to the divided areas generates writing information such
that the writing unit traces a writing locus to effectively execute
radiation of an electron.

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6. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to

claim 2, wherein the semiconductor design information is divided into meshes having an arbitrary width, and wherein at least one computer for processing information with respect to the divided areas generates writing information such that the writing unit
5 traces a writing locus to effectively execute radiation of an electron.

7. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the writing information is stored with the storage
10 device as a linear logic space and in order of a writing locus such that the writing unit effectively executes radiation of an electron.

8. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the writing information is stored with the storage
15 device as a linear logic space and in order of a writing locus such that the writing unit effectively executes radiation of an electron.

20 9. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the writing information consists of a plurality pieces of area information each representing an area and a plurality pieces of pattern information each representing a pattern included in a piece of area information, and wherein the writing information
25 is generated in such a manner that plurality pairs of area information and pattern information corresponding to the area

information are inputted as fine writing information to be arranged in order such that the fine writing information allows the writing unit to effectively execute radiation of an electron.

5 10. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the writing information consists of a plurality pieces of area information each representing an area and a plurality pieces of pattern information each representing a pattern included in a piece of area information, and wherein the writing information
10 is generated in such a manner that plurality pairs of area information and pattern information corresponding to the area information are inputted as fine writing information to be arranged in order such that the fine writing information allows the writing unit to effectively execute radiation of an electron.

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 11. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the writing information consists of a plurality pieces of area information each representing an area and a plurality pieces of pattern information each representing a pattern included
20 in a piece of area information, and wherein the writing information is generated by inputting a row of area information and a row of pattern information in such a manner that the row of area information is inputted in order such that the writing unit effectively executes radiation of an electron and the row of pattern information is
25 outputted corresponding to the row of area information.

12. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the writing information consists of a plurality pieces of area information each representing an area and a plurality pieces of pattern information each representing a pattern included
5 in a piece of area information, and wherein the writing information is generated by inputting a row of area information and a row of pattern information in such a manner that the row of area information is inputted in order such that the writing unit effectively executes radiation of an electron and the row of pattern information is
10 outputted corresponding to the row of area information.

13. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein results after processing the information are stored in the storage device, and wherein the control unit and
15 the writing unit are provided in plurality pairs so that each of the pairs parallelly executes the processes.

14. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

20 a storage provider having at least one storage device and whose business is to offer lease and management of the storage device; and

a service provider having at least one computer and whose business is to lease and management of the computer;

25 wherein the control unit and the writing unit are interconnected through a communication pass for interconnecting

a storage device or through a communication pass which allows protocol for interconnecting a storage device to be passed therethrough.

- 5 15. A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein shot information for electron beam radiation utilized in the writing unit is stored in a storage device, so that writing states can be checked before actually radiating the electron beam.